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AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED DURING KORUTURK STATE VISIT

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1. ACCORDING TO USUALLY WELL-INFORMED JOURNALIST NILUFER YALCIN IN TURKISH DAILY MILLIYET MAY 16, PRESIDENT KORUTURK WILL SIGN AN ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH IRAN DURING HIS STATE VISIT JUNE 2-7. THE AGREEMENT REPORTEDLY WILL COVER HIGHWAY TRANSIT TO IRAN, FINANCING OF TURKISH PORT EXTENSIONS, A JOINT SLAUGHTERHOUSE AND ANIMAL BREEDING PROJECT FOR TURKISH MEAT EXPORTS TO IRAN, CEMENT EXPORTS AND CONSTRUCTION OF RESORT FACILITIES IN TURKEY FOR IRANIAN TOURISTS.

2. DISCUSSION OF THE IRANIAN NATURAL GAS PIPELINE WILL DEPEND ON COMPLETION OF COST AND FEASIBILITY STUDY BY AMERICAN-BELGIAN GROUPS, ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE. COST ESTIMATES BY TURKISH TECHNICIANS ARE BEING EXAMINED BY IRANIAN EXPERTS, YALCIN STATES, AND IRANIAN CONCLUSIONS MAY BE CONVEYED TO THE TURKISH DELEGATION DURING THE VISIT.
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